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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR PHIL WISE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO NIGERIA

1. PROTOCOL CHIEF BALEWA CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE JANUARY 10 TO ASK WHETHER I HAD RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON REGARDING MORE PRECISE DATES FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA. BALEWA SAID OBASANJO HAD RECENTLY PRESSED HIM TWICE FOR A STATUS REPORT. HE REMINDED ME IT HAD BEEN NEARLY SIX WEEKS SINCE THE FMG HAD INFORMED US THAT THE PROPOSED DATES OF MARCH 22 TO APRIL 3 WERE NOT RPT NOT CONVENIENT. BALEWA REITERATED THE FMG'S EAGER ANTIICIPATION OF THE VISIT, WHICH COULD START 'AT DAWN APRIL 4 OR ANYTIME THEREAFTER IN EARLY APRIL.'

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST POSSIBLE GUIDANCE.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED WHITE HOUSE.

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